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New rector installed

ALL Saints Church, Culmstock was beautifully decorated in floral arrangements containing cream roses for a recent, and rather special, occasion.

Welcomed to All Saints were guests from the churches of St Mary's with Culm Davy Chapel Hemyock and St Andrew's Clayhidon for a service that saw the Induction and Installation of the Reverend David Burton as Rector of the Upper Culm Val-

ley Mission Community by the Archdeacon of Exeter, The Venerable Christopher Futchter.

Rev'd Burton's previous title had been Priest in Charge.

The choral service of Holy Communion was led by Rev'd Burton with St Mary's choir and Ron White, organist.

After this, wine, coffee, and biscuits were enjoyed.

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Archdeacon of Exeter, The Venerable Christopher Futchter (left) and the Reverend David Burton.



Sheldon throws open its gardens

THE tiny village of Sheldon, in the Blackdown Hills, is holding a 'Gardens Open Weekend' on June 2 and 3.

There are nine varied gardens to visit, located around the village. Between them the venues offer formal

borders, natural areas, cottage garden planting, ponds, shrubs and trees, vegetable areas and lovely views.

There will be an exhibition in the Hall about the history of Sheldon, including information and photos of the National School, 1874-1947.

Times of opening are: Saturday 11.30am to 6pm; and Sunday 2pm to 6pm.

Light lunches available on Saturday, and teas on both days. Tickets for the weekend cost £3 per person; children free. Proceeds will be shared between the Church of St James and the Village Hall.

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Royal tea, and perhaps even a pint or two...

THERE was a wedding on May 19, which some readers may recall.

It was a small affair; just 600-odd guests, a worldwide audience nearing 1.5 billion, and street parties the length and breadth of the realm.

The good people of Hemyock also joined in.

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A bit of a Royal do, Hemyock style...



Left: Geoff Taylor talking to some of the partygoers [The Editor admires his splendid red trousers]. Above: South View proudly and patriotically displaying the Union flag and bunting.

APART from the Union flag flying from St Mary's Church tower, and a small number of homes and businesses decorated with bunting, Hemyock was quiet for the royal wedding.

The Catherine Wheel, in Hemyock, though, was the place to be as its noticeboard promised a 'right Royal knees up' to celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

Licensee Geoff Taylor, dressed in red, white and blue welcomed young and old as the celebrations unfolded with part of the day seeing a cake competition being judged.

Bunting decorated the pub garden where sandwiches and cake were enjoyed throughout the afternoon in glorious sunshine.

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Almost there: church building work carries on, but nearly £7,000 is still needed

ONE of the delights of the building work being done at the parish church of St Mary's, Hemyock has been the exposure of the 13th-Century foundations, which a number of visitors have been to view.

The raised floor and pews in the North aisle have been removed and a new floor laid.

A door has been knocked through from the new purpose-built toilet extension to the church.

The work is being carried out by local firm BK Construction under the watchful eye of Russ Palmer, Church Architect

Church warden David Bawler said: "The total sum needed for the work to be carried out is £98,700.

"Through grants and fundraising we have raised £92,000, but a further £6,700 is still needed.

"Despite Spring's earlier inclement weather, the work is on schedule and the congregation is looking forward to services resuming in the church as the past 12 weeks have seen us holding services in the Church Room.

"We are grateful to the team of cleaners who will have the rather odious job of sweeping, vacuuming, and dusting."

If you would like further information, then please contact the Church Wardens (David Bawler on 0777 3579809, or Jenny Doble 01823 680174), or you can send a cheque to Tony Bennet, 45 Prowses, Hemyock, Devon, EX15 3QG.

Cheques should be made payable to St Mary's Parochial Church Council. Hemyock.

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Beyond borders, Sheldon in bloom



Photographs from Page 1.

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Retired life? Business life?
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'Mutual support key to success,' says BHBA's new co-ordinator

AT the beginning of April, Blackdown Hills Business Association (BHBA) welcomed a new coordinator.

Gemma Sparks, who has been a member of the association for the last five years, stepped into the role.

Gemma moved to the Blackdowns in 2012 when her husband started working on his family farm near Churchinford.

She said: "Having grown up in a farming family, I have always been encouraged to buy local, which fuelled my passion for supporting local businesses from a young age. This passion will drive me to succeed in this new role."

"The Blackdown Hills is a great place to have a business; local companies recognise that it is very important to support each other and the BHBA plays a key role in providing a platform for advertising, networking, and learning."

Said Gemma: "Now is the perfect time to take on this role, having worked as a land agent and an events planner over the last 10 years, this role offers me the opportunity to bring together all my skills to continue the great work of the BHBA."

With all the changes that have been implemented over the last couple of years within the organisation, there are real opportunities to implement new ideas."

The business association is made up of a wide cross section of businesses, both in and around the Blackdown Hills.

These include new business start-ups, sole traders, SMEs, right up to large corporations all providing key services including accommodation providers, health practitioners, hospitality and event venues, artisan food and drink producers, traditional crafts, designers, IT consultants, property agents and furniture restorers.

Pitches for the BHBA marquee at the Honiton Show are now available to members.

The show, on Thursday, August 2, typically has footfall of



Gemma Sparks.

more than 15,000 people.

"This really is an opportunity not to miss," said Gemma.

She added: "Find out about becoming a member of the BHBA by visiting www.bhba.org.uk; membership starts at just £60 per year."

A welcome return for Pentecost

Monica Smith's Whitsun flower arrangement drew praise from many quarters, as did the sterling work of the church's cleaning team.



DESPITE continuing building work at the parish church of St Mary's Hemmyock, the congregation was delighted to return for the Pentecost service on May 20 taken by Reverend Chris Hudson.

This followed around three months of services being held at the Church Room.

The previous day, the church's team of cleaners – under the leader-

ship of Val White – worked hard to ensure the building was as free of dust as possible, whilst flower co-ordinator Monica Smith had arranged a beautiful pedestal arrangement in the Whitsun colours of red and white.

During the afternoon, the Friends of St Mary's held a sponsored hymn sing.

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Parishioners at St Mary's Church and Culm Davy Chapel '..are caring and hardworking'

DESPITE only a small attendance at the annual meeting of St Mary's Church with Culm Davy Chapel Hemyock, the reports from various groups showed they have caring and hard working congregations.

The Vestry meeting saw the re-election of Churchwardens David Bawler and Jenny Doble for the church and Mark Fitzgerald for Culm Davy.

The evening was chaired by Reverend David Burton who announced that it was his intention to retire in September.

He spoke of the changes that have taken place during his six years in the Upper Culm Valley.

He pointed out that God's work is being done not only in weekly worship, but all that happens behind the scenes and in the wider community both locally and worldwide.

Rev'd Burton reminded everyone to be faithful in prayer, worship, and fellowship, and expressed thanks to all who help and support him in particular retired clergy, lay readers, wardens, lay service leaders and the administrator.

A review of the year spoke of the many activities that the congregations are part of. Major work is being carried at the church with the installation of toilets and other refurbishments, the Church Room had been re-decorated and re-carpeted. Thanks were expressed to the Wardens for overseeing these

projects. The land around the room had been tidied and a shed demolished whilst benches had been donated to the churchyard and a new noticeboard paid for by a legacy from the late Elsie Board and the Friends of St Mary.

The church interior is looked after by a band of volunteers under the leadership of Val White and had received many compliments. At the chapel, electrical wiring had been replaced and volunteers continued to keep the interior and churchyard in good condition and the smaller building accommodating around 50 was much appreciated especially for more intimate worship.

The importance placed on the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults



St Mary's Church, as photographed by Nilfanion.

was presented by the Safeguarding Representative.

Reports from the Mothers' Union, bell ringers, choir, flower arrangers, welcoming team, children's work and missionary support showed the immense amount of work being carried out.

The Charity and Coffee shop plus Winter, Lent, and Summer lunches continued to be popular and were well supported by local folk

mainly Syrian refugees. Similar work is also done for families in Moldova and Romania as well as a Christmas 'shoebox' appeal.

Church finances are reasonably healthy and it was reported that the financially self supporting *Parish Pump* magazine was approaching its 275th edition.

It is delivered to all properties in Hemyock and Clayhidon and is seen as the most direct contact with parishioners.

The Friends of St Mary's is a small group that holds events through the year to raise funds for the church fabric ranging from concerts and pudding evenings to selling souvenirs, running the coffee shop, and much larger events such as the flower festival held during 2017 to celebrate the 750th anniversary of St Mary's.

Although a short and fun family service is held monthly it is a concern of the church that these are not attracting young families and is something it is hoped to address in the coming year.

GB

DESPITE the 'difficult' season, Hemyock Parish Hall was a riot of colour when the Hemyock Gardeners' Association held its Spring Show.

The chairman, David Major, thanked all who had helped to make the day a success.

Mr Major presented trophies to the main winners. Karen Pinder received the Butterwith Cup for most points as

well as the Cookery Cup.

Brenda Calcraft also had two trophies. Other winners were Hazel Partridge, Bob Hawkes, Jane Attlee, Monica Smith, Diana Cooper, Sandie Coe, Janet Dalton, Annette Hart, and Phillip.

CH



Karen Pinder receiving the Butterwith Cup from association chairman David Major.

Concerns articulated by locals over large lorries

HIGHWAYS departments in Somerset and Devon have agreed to work together to solve problems caused by huge lorries getting stuck in narrow one-track lanes on the Blackdown Hills.

Parishes complain of articulated lorries damaging bridges, house gutters and overturning. Residents say lorries do not follow designated

routes and use inaccurate sat-navs. Somerset has put signs on its bor-

der saying many roads are unsuitable for lorries but Devon feels too many signs are in place. Several parishes have resorted to buying their own signs saying lorries are not welcome.

Now two MPs have promised to try and sort out a co-ordinated scheme for the hills which straddle the Somerset-Devon border.

There will be more on this story in a later edition

Funding available for arts projects

DO you have idea for an arts or literature activity in your community? You may be interested in applying for a grant from Literature Works or the Arts Council.

Literature Works annual fund

Literature Works offers awards of between £100-£500 designed to help communities to get involved in reading and writing and to celebrate writing talent in the South West, particularly in areas where

funds might be otherwise hard to find.

Literature Works want people of all ages to have the best artistic experiences they can have in order to develop their abilities in all aspects of their lives.

Round 1 closes at midday Friday, June 8, 2018, with a decision on Monday, June 25, 2018.

Round 2 opens Monday, July 2, 2018 and closes Friday, December 7, 2018 at midday. Decisions on Friday, December 21, 2018

Arts Council project grants
Grants are available (£1,000 to £100,000) for individual artists, community and cultural organisations.

The Blackdown Hills AONB team may be able to help support and potentially be a part of any bids being submitted.

Readers with ideas should email Tim Youngs, Blackdown Hills AONB Manager, with details of what you have in mind: tim.youngs@devon.gov.uk.

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Time flew by in the company of the Hemyock Singers



FOR more than 40 years, the Hemyock Singers have been entertaining the public with musicals, secular, and sacred concerts.

They have donated money for national and local charities and this year's Spring concert was no exception with £344 being raised for the Beacon Centre at Musgrove Park Hospital.

Performed at St

Mary's Church, the concert was a variety of spiritual songs, piano and violin duets, and the choral suite from *The Armed Man - A Mass for Peace* by Karl Jenkins.

Opening with *Hallelujah* by Leonard Cohen, it was clear the audience were in for a special evening as the choir's musical tone and diction were excellent. Conducted by musical director Matthew Bale, and accompanied by organist/pianist Nigel Atkinson the music flowed effortlessly through *Deep River*, *Pavane* by Faure with its long organ introduction and the inspirational *You Raise Me Up*.

Romance by Svendsen, played by Atkinson (violin) and Bale (piano), was a beautiful addition to the first half of the evening and brought warm applause.

Following the interval, when light refreshments were served, the second half of the programme began with the haunting theme from the film *Schindler's List*, played as a violin/piano duet, leading onto the work by Jenkins: *Kyrie*, *Sanctus*, *Benedictus*, *Agnus Dei*, *Hymn before Battle* and the finale *God Shall Wipe Away All Tears*.

Without doubt this contained one of the evenings highlights with a wonderful performance by the Singers of *Sanctus* with its staccato and adagio sections beautifully achieved.

The evening is probably summed up best by a comment from someone attending their first Singers' event: "Wow, I would never have believed that a rural Devon village could produce such a wonderful and at times moving musical event."

"The time has flown by."

DQ

Here, hare, and everywhere...



Here hare here!

WHEN not boxing (it is a mating ritual, actually, between a male and female; the latter fighting off the former), or staring at the Moon, most hares seem – though ever-vigilant to a danger – to sit with an expression that says: "Look at my MAGNIFICENT ears."

Well, that is according to *View...* reader Laura Lakin, who snapped this fine example of *Lepus europaeus* (the European or Brown hare) in a Blackdown Hills location she prefers not have published.

Miss Lakin said: "I first became fas-

inated by hares when a child; I did a project at school on them, and was entranced by the creature.

"The word 'leveret' – the hare's young – is such a lovely word.

"Of course, the hare is associated with all sorts of myths and folklore, but I won't go into that in a family newspaper!"

View... readers may be familiar with the 'Three Hares' symbol on some Devon churches, which can also be found across Europe, the Middle East, and China.



The concert was in aid of the Beacon Centre at Musgrove Park Hospital. Image by Nick Chipchase.

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Nature in all her glory



VIEW... readers have been busy with their cameras in the Blackdown Hills.

Michael Dearden captured these two rather different creatures in a recent foray with his camera.

He takes up the story: "I took one of a Roe buck I took this morning in the EX15 area."

We seem to have quite a few more around this year,

which is great news for all us nature lovers."

Mr Dearden also submitted one of an Orange Tip (*Anthocharis cardamines*). Have you shot or captured – digitally, that is – any creature or scene of note recently? If so, send a high-res pic, with the approximate location where taken, to blackdowns@tindlenews.co.uk with your full contact details.



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View... reader Clive Lloyd submitted this photograph of the Angle Shades (*Phlogophora meticulosa*) caterpillar, a moth of the family Noctuidae, a common polyphagous species.

We simply borrow from Eric Carle and call it a very hungry caterpillar.



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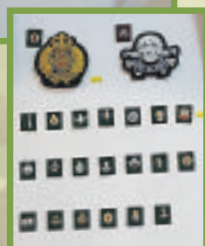
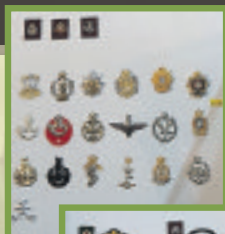
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There is always a good number of competition classes for the whole family to take part in (schedules are available to view at www.melplashshow.co.uk).

In the Toolstation main ring this year, the Society is excited to welcome The Cavalry of Heroes.

Marking the centenary of the end of World War One, it will be performing a special show remembering the role that the horses and soldiers played in The Great War.

For the young generation, there is a packed programme of farming to food activities: in the Discover Farming area, they can milk a goat, hold baby chicks, grind wheat, and make pancakes.

The Explore Farming tent is full of experiences: put on a VR headset and be on a tractor, combine harvester or in a milking parlour, fly a drone simulator, build a mini steel framed barn or view – through a microscope – creatures

that devastate our crops or harm our animals.

Tractor Ted is also visiting for the first time.

With special attractions in the main ring, the popular countryside arena with falconry display, ferret and terrier racing, a local food hall, cookery theatre, and over 300 trade stands, it really is an enjoyable and fun day out for all the family.

All children 16 years and under can attend the show for free.

Adult tickets on the day are £16 and in advance are £14. Advance tickets can be bought online or from local venues. There is a free bus throughout the day from Lyme Regis stopping at bus stops in Charmouth, Chideock and Bridport, a free park and ride on the Burton Road and also free parking off the A35.

To keep up-to-date, visit www.melplashshow.co.uk or follow Melplash Show on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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There are marquees full of arts, crafts, toys, and collectables as well as antique and vintage items there for you to browse.

There are many trade stalls selling everything from Turkish textiles to dog treats.

So, from flower and plant lovers to foodies, there really is something for everyone.

After all the browsing – and hopefully lots of shopping – you can relax outside and enjoy the spectacular entertainment.

Watch a falconry demonstration, racing llamas, see a strongman lift a seated woman into the air or enjoy the fire stunt spectac-

ular.

If that is not enough, enjoy the displays by the local gymnastics and taekwondo clubs.

For our four-legged friends there will be a dog show on Saturday and 'sheep-shearer Sunday'.

Simon Hodges, the show's chairman, said: "This will be our 24th show and it has been my pleasure to work with the team of volunteers to make this weekend a really great event."

"The show was started in order to raise funds to support the Flamingo Pool, now all these years later the pool is still supported alongside other worthwhile causes."

"Over the years, the show has raised almost £500,000."

Mr Hodges said he and the organisers hope that everybody who visits will have a great day out and continue to raise enough to continue to support those in need.

Discounted tickets are already available online www.axevaleshow.com.

Parking at the showground is free and there is also a complementary shuttle bus running both days around Axminster.

Full details, tickets and further information can be found on the Axe Vale Show website.

Keep up to date with the latest Axe Vale Show information on Facebook and Twitter.

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Rare breeds and Pitts top 128th Honiton Show



Clockwise from above: a Viper Aerobatics S-2B Pitts Special; young winners in a livestock competition; piglets are the only acceptable form of litter.

THE Honiton & District Agricultural Association holds its 128th show on Thursday, August 2, 2018.

The 2018 main ring will be buzzing with activity including Bolddog Lings Freestyle Motocross Team and The Sheep Show.

The Sheep Show is a humorous show all about sheep. Highlights include sheep shearing and dancing sheep.

Visitors can meet Sheridan the Sheepdog and Pumpkin the Pony, described as "an enchanting and magical duo".

Sheridan rides his remotely-controlled tricycle and stops to chat to amazed audiences.

A very exciting attraction is making a flying visit to Honiton: two exhilarating aerobatic displays performed by Viper Aerobatics flying the Pitts biplane.

The lower field incorporates all that is countryside with hurdle making, ferret racing, a blacksmiths' guild, 100 vintage tractors, The West of England Hound Show, the BHBA Marquee show-

casing the businesses within the Blackdown Hills, and surrounding market towns and villages.

There is a dog show – pedigree and fun classes – Professor Twistopher's Punch and Judy show, and donkey rides.

If chickens are your interest, then there a poultry show and sale.

The Rare Breed Survival Trust (RBST) Devon Support Group – which has been around in the county for more than 25 years – will also attend.

A spokesperson said: "We are dedicated to breeders and enthusiasts of our rare and native breeds here in Devon.

"We want to reach the whole of Devon to educate and inspire you to know of the rare and native breeds in Devon, so much so that we attend colleges and schools to inspire and educate our next generation.

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"Please come and talk and meet us at the show or feel free to contact Kim Brook, Secretary, at kim@kbrook.co.uk or on 01566 783232, or John Mills, Chairman, on 01805 804494."

No country show is complete without food, and the food hall will be bursting with local produce and food courts to tickle every taste bud.

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what's on in and around the Blackdown Hills

Learn more about the work of Potter's Village, Uganda

EARLIER this year, snow prevented a speaker from Potter's Village in Uganda attending a service at Hemyock parish church.

The church now looks forward to welcoming Nikki Maxwell on Sunday, June 10 at 11.15am.

Potters Village is a child crisis and medical

centre in Kisoro, South West Uganda.

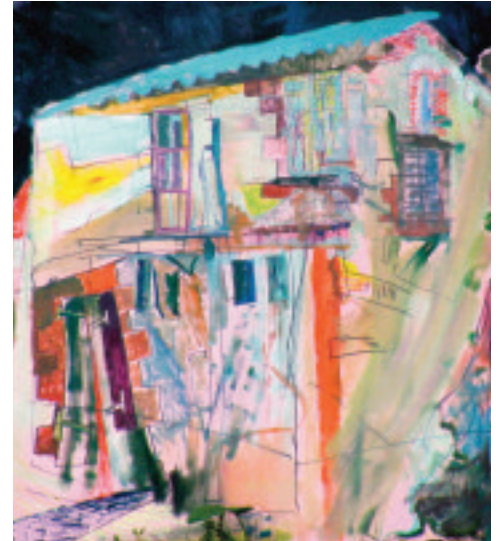
Its goal is to offer care and new hope for abandoned and orphaned children. The charity has long been supported by St Mary's and villagers so please add this date to your diary and come along to hear of the wonderful work being done there.

Forthcoming events at the Thelma Hubert Gallery



Jessica Cooper's piece.

Phil Clancy's work.



What's afoot in the Blackdown Hills AONB?



The nightjar by Li Qoruxç.

A COUPLE of diary dates for nature lovers.

Friday, June 1 in Culmstock.

Explore the River Culm's staggering underwater world.

Thursday, June 14 in Staple Hill.

Learn about and look out for native owls and the elusive nightjar.

Visit www.blackdownhillsaonb.org.uk.

THE Thelma Hubert Gallery (THG) Open 2018 (June 2 until August 25), is the perfect opportunity to buy work by some of the best established and emerging artists in the South West.

Admission is free and it is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm.

There is an art auction on Friday, June 8 at 7pm, with a reception from 6pm, in aid of Honiton's Admiral Nurse Campaign and THG Learning programme.

There are 56 artworks on display at THG until June 8,

none of which has a reserve. There are also the following workshops:

Saturday, June 2, 10am to 1pm/ 1.30 to 4.30pm

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Saturday, June 16, 1 - 3pm

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Local ladies twig how to make a bird's nest basket

COMBE St Nicholas village hall was recently awash with beautiful floral bird's nests made during a workshop taught by Jackie Nicholls from Ashville Design.

Working on a rustic theme, the nests were made with twigs and other foraged materials then filled with seasonal flowers.

Sue Hipwood from Wadeford said: "Taking time with the preparation work making the nest gave a really good result."

"The tuition was excellent and I was thrilled to bits with my design."

"I also learnt a lot of tips about caring for flowers and foliage. Ten out of 10 from me."

Nicola Doble from Taunton added: "I enjoyed creating my nest, we had so much fun. It's definitely something I would make again."

"This workshop was based on using natural materials to form a rustic design that can be used again and again," said Jackie.

"The nests took time to make, but were well worth the effort. Filling them with flowers was the icing on the cake."

"The results were simply stunning. Every lady who came to this workshop should be extremely



proud of themselves."

For details of forthcoming workshops, visit www.ashvilledesign.co.uk or call Jackie on 01460 67795 or 07906 259683.

The ladies with their bird's nests in this photograph by Jackie Nicholls.

A busy few months for Hemyock WI

IN April, the Hemyock WI held its annual meeting, chaired by the vice president, Brenda Calcraft.

Lynn Taylor was re-elected as president, and all other committee members were voted in en-bloc.

The treasurer had sent copies of the financial report which showed a satisfactory position.

However, members decided to economise by ordering fewer copies of *County News* as these can be shared.

There were two competitions that evening: one for 'A Mouse' which was won by Sandie, Wendy, and Annette; the Flower of the Month which was won by Annette, Janet, and Wendy.

The meeting closed after wine and cheese

and a challenging quiz.

The May meeting was chaired by Lynn Taylor, and the evening began with a talk on Guide Dogs for the Blind, and life as a puppy walker for the organisation.

The Reading Group, run by Brenda, and the Lunch Club – organised by Sandra – are held monthly.

In June, the talk is called 'Born Free' and there will be a competition for endangered species as well as the usual favourite flower.

In July there will be a barbecue supper and a sheep dog demonstration in Payhembury, but there will be no competitions.

More details from Lynn Taylor on 680104.

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